



HOW GEORGIA TECH SUPPORTS RURAL GEORGIA DEVELOPMENT

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WAYS GEORGIA TECH CAN SUPPORT



Rural Workforce Development High Tech Entrepreneurs Advanced Manufacturing

Themes: Partners, Innovation, Impacts

STATEWIDE PRESENCE



40 GaMEP, 10 GTPAC

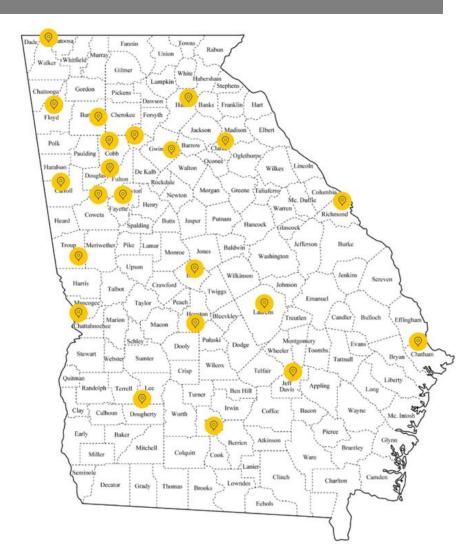
19 GTRI, 6 Professional

Education team

members located in

23 locations across

Georgia



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT





Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics & Computing

College of Sciences

- GIFT Georgia Intern Fellowship for Teachers – 26 counties, mostly rural
- K-12 InVenture Challenge
- AMP-IT-Up Griffin-Spalding County School System
- Georgia FIRST Lego League
- Robotics Competitions

Coop / Intern Programs

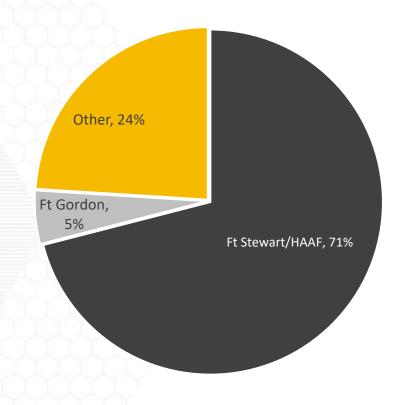
- Traditional Coops
- GTRI 14 Mercer Students
- GaMEP Coops in the state
- Georgia Southern Coop/Intern Program
- GTMI TCSG program

VET^{2 –} Veterans Education Training and Transition Program

VET² – VETERANS EDUCATION TRAINING & TRANSITION PROGRAM



- The first active duty military internship to employment program
- The VET² Program includes the following tracks:
 - Basic Course
 - Plan of Action Development
 - Workforce Integration
 - Lean Six Sigma Black Belt
 - Telecommunications
 - Supply Chain Project Management
- Program duration is 2-5 weeks depending on track
- VET² receives > 200 interest requests per month



"The long term key to veteran employment support is to engage and mobilize communities to establish collaborative partnerships."

Michael Michaud Asst Sec, US Dept. of Labor, 2016

WHAT'S NEXT FOR VET²



- ➤ Awareness Campaigns at all Georgia Military Installtions VET² 101
 - > 10,000 Service members transitioned each year
- Overseas internships for service members stationed abroad
 - Discussions with DOL, Army IMCOM, GaDEcD to offer VET2 to Army installations in Germany with offers of employment in Georgia
- Operation Workforce: Employer Awareness & Resource Training
- ➤ Integrate VET² program with HDCl and DOL opportunities
- ➤ Increase Active Duty Access to Georgia Worksmart Apprenticeship Programs
- > VECTR (Warner Robins) Center Support
- ➤ Embrace the Force and Family Model
 - Encourage military spouse participation in the VET² transition programs

HIGH TECH ENTREPRENEURS





Educate Members Accelerate Members Signature Members ATDC @ locations

ATDC@Athens - Four Athens -- UGA Idea Accelerator

ATDC@Augusta – The Clubhous.se

ATDC@Savannah – Creative Coast

ATDC@ Macon - SparkMacon - Pilot Program

ATDC@Columbus- ColumbusMakesIT -- Pilot Program



CREATE-X is a faculty-led, studentfocused initiative to instill entrepreneurial confidence in Georgia Tech students.

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING



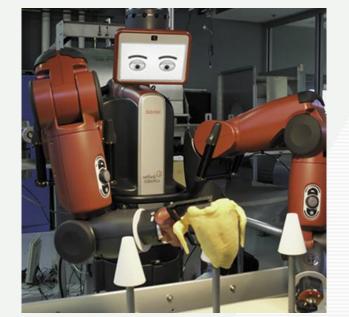
















Georgia Georgia Manufacturing
Tech Extension Partnership

A unit of the Enterprise Innovation Institute

AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM





LIVE ANIMAL ROBOTICS





Breeder Operations Robotics

Monitoring health & wellbeing in animal environments

Applications:

Removing floor eggs

Detecting diseases

Monitoring environmental conditions

Bio security

With UGA College of Ag & Poultry Science

Colin Usher & Ben Joffe

AGRICULTURAL ROBOTICS



Autonomous Field

Scouting Robot

Collect leaf & soil samples

Applications:

Stress

Diseases

Pest

Weed

Labor

Mapping

Advanced Sensing



Dr. Ai-Ping Hu & Conrad Ahlin

With UGA Colleges of Ag & Engineering

AGRICULTURAL ROBOTICS

Georgia Tech

Brachiating "Tarzan" robot

Swings on cables above crops

Applications:

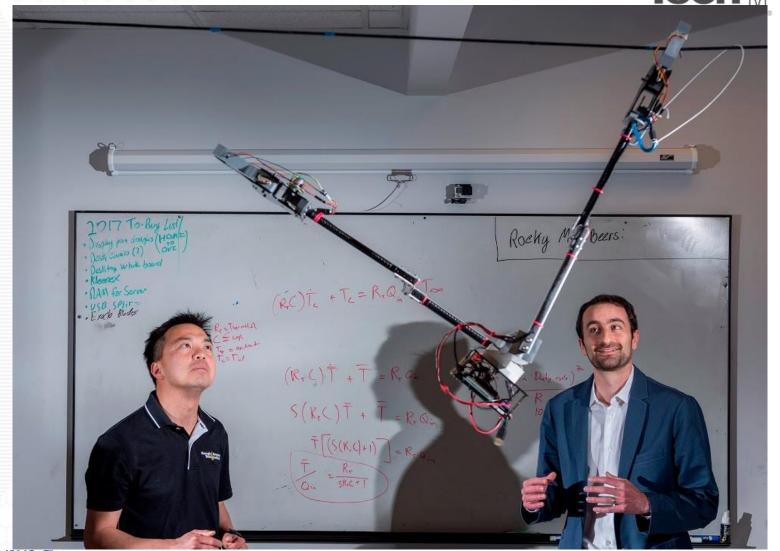
Crop monitoring

Rapid phenotyping & data collection

Low energy consumption

Dr. Jonathan Rodgers &

Dr. Ai-Ping Hu

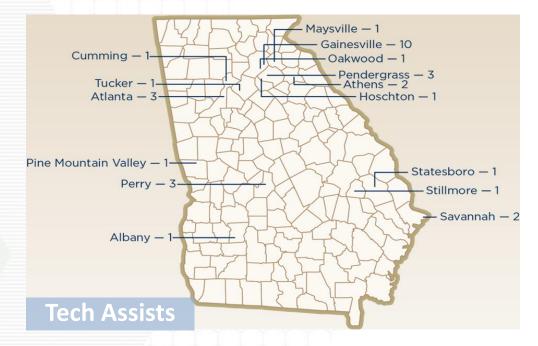


With UGA Colleges of Ag & Engineering

OUTREACH, TECH ASSIST, & EDUCATION











Education



Trade Shows & Exhibits



Poultry World

ATRP Partners



Food Companies













































































Equipment Companies























































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Agencies & Trade Associations



























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GEORGIA MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP - GAMEP



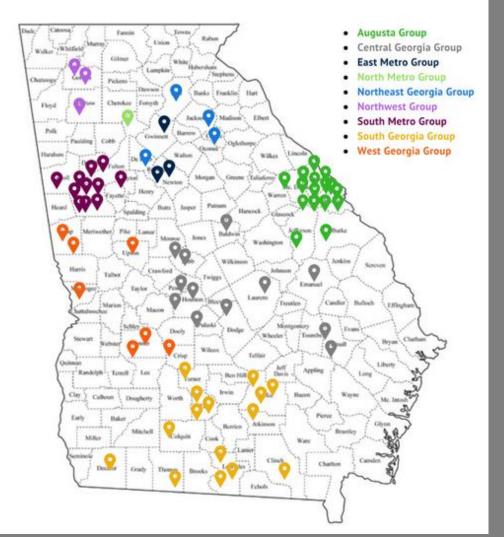
Advanced
Manufacturing
Consortium Members

More than

70 member companies in

9 consortium groups across

Georgia



Manufacturing Growth Meetings

Began in 2014 and have grown

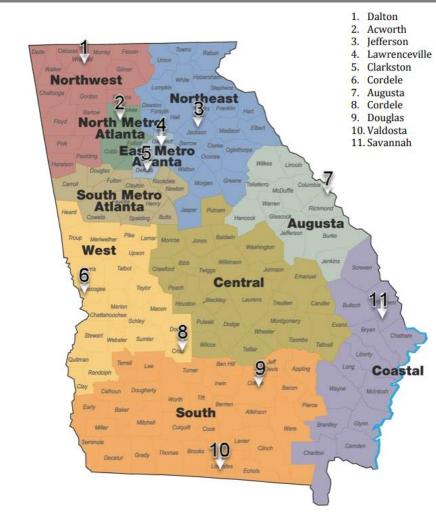
to 11 locations across the state -

offered 4x a year in each

location – 3,067 attendees

- -2,203 Unique participants
- 674 manufacturing companies









Last year, the GaMEP served

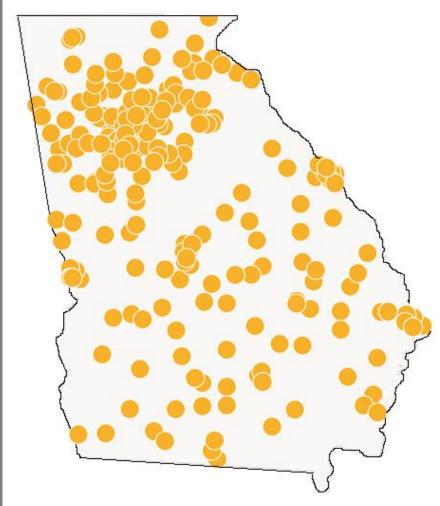
1,038 manufacturers,

245 with in-depth projects
with company reported results:

1542 created / retained jobs

\$303 million of new & returning sales

\$41 million in cost savings



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